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Con. Matthew B. Ridgway Chief of Staff United States Army Department of the Army Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Ridgway:

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I would like to express the appreciation of CIA for the services of who this week completed his tour of duty with us. is an able and versatile officer. In addition to his highly fluent command of Aussian, he has proven to be a very competent chief of one of our Divisions.

He has worked effectively with all the elements of our organization and I have used him regularly in dealing with the Department of State. In these governmental relationships he has shown that he is well informed, mature and tactful.

Should the opportunity arise in the future, we would be delighted to have him return to CIA for another tour.

Aincerely.

Allen V. Dalles Director

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